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SOUTH DAKOTA SHEEP INVENTORY DOWN

SIOUX FALLS, February 2, 2007 -- The January 1, 2007 South Dakota inventory of **all sheep and lambs** totaled 380,000 head, down 5,000 head from last year, according to the South Dakota office of USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. The **breeding herd** increased 5,000 head from last year, and the **marketing herd** decreased 10,000 head. Other classes and their changes from one year ago are:

- **Breeding sheep and lambs**, at 285,000 head, up 2 percent from the January 1, 2006 herd.
- **Ewes** one year old and older, at 240,000 head, up 10,000 head from last year.
- **Rams and wethers** one year old and older, at 9,000 head, up 1,000 head from January 1, 2006.
- **Replacement lambs** for breeding, at 36,000 head, down 14 percent from last year.
- **Market sheep and lambs**, at 95,000 head, down 10 percent from one year ago.

Lambs born during 2006 totaled 285,000 head, down 5,000 head from the 2005 crop.

Wool production for 2006, at 2,415,000 pounds, was down 167,000 pounds from a year earlier. Sheep and lambs shorn totaled 335,000 head, compared to 330,000 head in 2005.

Meat goats in South Dakota on January 1, 2007, totaled 5,750 head, down 8 percent from last year's 7,000 head. **Milk goats** on January 1 totaled 1,100 head, unchanged from last year.

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<http://usda.mannlib.cornell.edu/usda/nass/SheeGoat/2000s/2007/SheeGoat-02-02-2007.pdf>